from less than 10,000 at the beginning of the 10th Five Year Plan to over 13,000 at present, and is proposed to be further increased to around 50,000 by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan.

Promotion of sports infrastructure in NE region

1173. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by Government for development and promotion of sports infrastructure in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in the State of Sikkim;

(b) the details of plan formulated and being implemented in the above States; and

(c) the details of amount sanctioned, released and actually spent under the implementation of the above scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject in the Constitution, the primarily responsibility for creation of sports facilities throughout the country lies with the State Government. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing of efforts of the State Governments including the Northh-Eastern Region, for creation of sports facilities in various States by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved' pattern. With effect from 1.4.2005, the Sports Infrastructure Schemes were transferred to the State Sector. Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructure projects will now have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. However, funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the remaining period of the Tenth Plan.

State-wise details of funds released of NE States from 2003-04 to 2006-07 (as on 5.3.2007) under the earstwhile scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure' are given in the Statement. (*See* below). Since no viable proposals were received from Sikkim under this scheme, no funds were sanctioned. However, an amount of Rs. 15.36 crore was sanctioned by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for the Paljor Stadium, in Gangtok in 2001-02 and work on the same has been completed in 2004-05.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India is assisting the Tashinamgyal Academy, Gangtok under the National Sports and Talent Contest Scheme (NSTCS) for Footbail, Swimming and Table Tennis and is running a Special Area Games (SAG) Centre at Namchi for Football, Boxing, Taekwando and Archery. Rs. 2.06 lakhs and Rs. 53.50 lakhs respectively have been released for these during the last three years.

Statement

NE State-wise details of Central assistance released under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure from 2004-2005 to 2006-2007 (as on 5.3.2007)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2003-2004		2004-2005		2005-2006		2006-2007	
		Amount released	No. of projects	Amount released	No. of projects	Amount released	No. of projects	Amount released	No. of projects
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	191.00	5	27.00	1	71.00	1	450.00	5
2.	Assam	17	2	188.09	8	7.00	1	183.00	4
3.	Manipur	0	0	22.50	3	0.00	0	92.838	6
4.	Meghalaya	100.11	5	234.55	5	0.00	0	0.00	0
5.	Mizoram	136.32	21	30.00	1	59.59	1	0.00	0
6.	Nagaland	962.46	21	115.98	12	45.00	1	1041.01	9
7.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
8.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

Monitoring of projects for Commonwealth Games

†1174. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for organising Commonwealth Games in Delhi;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.